

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC FY2011 Water Trails program grants

The Iowa Legislature annually appropriates funds under Iowa Code section 452A.79. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources under Chapter 30 of 571 Iowa Administrative Code targets \$50,000 of these funds toward the water trails granting program. These funds are available to local governments (city, county, school) and service organizations to create water trails on rivers, lakes, sloughs and other waterways in Iowa. This commitment leverages \$105,557 worth of total projects.

Six projects submitted on or before Jan. 15, 2010 have been ranked and screened by our scoring committee for viability, proper expenditure of public funds, and likelihood of success. Scorers for this round of applications include John Pearson (DNR), Robin Fortney (citizen), Mark Wise (citizen), and Nate Hoogeveen (DNR). The recommended state fiscal year 2010 awards include:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>AWARD RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>Score</u>
Iowa River Greenbelt Water Trail	Iowa River Greenbelt Resource Trust	\$5,280	\$5,280	93.3
Quad Cities Water Trails	River Action, Inc.	\$7,764	\$7,764	93.0
Black Hawk Creek Water Trail	Black Hawk County Conservation Board	\$17,774	\$17,774	92.8
Upper Iowa River Water Trail	Winneshiek County Conservation Board	\$19,596	\$19,182	92.3
Rathbun Lake South Shore Water Trail, Paddlers Primitive Camp	Appanoose County Trails, Inc.	\$3,446		90.8
Dawson Boat Ramp	Dallas County Conservation Board	\$3,557		88.3

The Department recommends entering into cost-share agreements with the above-mentioned parties to accomplish the projects identified in their respective applications. If any applicants decline funds or are unable to meet their obligations under an agreement developed, grant that did not receive funding will receive funding in order of score.

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